

February 10, 2006

Mayor Anthony A. Williams
The John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Mark H. Tuohey III
DC Sports & Entertainment Commission
2400 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington DC 20003

Dear Mayor Williams and Mr. Tuohey:

Like both of you, we received copies of the enrolled legislation amending our proposed lease agreement with the City late yesterday afternoon. Like both of you, we are studying the language in an effort to understand its impact on our existing agreements and consulting with experts for advice concerning its ultimate impact on the future of Major League Baseball in Washington. It clearly contains conditions, restrictions and new provisions which go well beyond our previous agreements and raises a number of questions. Our review will take into account not only those agreements but also what is needed to make the ballpark a long-term success for the team, its fans and the District of Columbia. We look forward to the full discussion you have proposed.

We want to make sure that the kind of ballpark we agreed upon will be built, that it can be paid for as we have agreed, that the team be able to exercise adequate control over the ballpark site, that we understand the limits of the legislative power to further rewrite contracts we enter into and that the balance of burdens and benefits agreed to by us in mediation is readdressed, since it has been seriously disrupted by the legislation

Due to the "Emergency" nature of this legislation, we are not certain that text of this act is the appropriate basis for our analysis. We are interested in reviewing the analysis of this legislation made by both the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and that made by the Office of the Attorney General prior to reaching our conclusions.

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We look forward to continued conversations with you and your staff and we will work as fast as possible to complete our review and to notify you of our views.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. DuPuy
President & COO